





## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Tom Wieczorek, Fleet Officer

**DATE:** July 13, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Emission Testing Equipment Ratification

In an effort to avoid a situation that could become a public calamity, Fleet Services has proceeded with an emergency purchase for the emissions testing equipment and will pursue subsequent ratification of the purchase by Council because of a timing issue that is directly related to the new State law requiring vehicle emissions testing in Travis and Williamson counties effective September 1, 2005.

Fleet Services must take delivery of State mandated vehicle emissions testing equipment as soon as possible because the equipment has to be installed and working properly before it can be certified by the State. The total cost for the state approved equipment for four service centers is \$49,000.00. Recommendation for Council action cannot be presented to Council until July 28, 2005. To comply with the new law, Fleet Services must have mechanics trained in the proper use of the equipment and certified by the State prior to September 1, 2005. The mechanics must be trained and the equipment certified before the State will certify the four locations that will be outfitted with the testing equipment.

If we wait until July 28 for Council approval, we would have less than 30 days to coordinate with the State to have both these four locations and the mechanics certified by the State. Failure to meet the September 1 deadline could jeopardize our ability to perform DPS vehicle safety and emission inspections, which would put all City vehicles due for inspection out of service until the inspections are performed. The impact could affect APD, EMS, AFD, and sanitation vehicles

Let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Thank you,

Thomas R. Wieczorek  
Fleet Officer